

# GETTING CONNECTED RESOURCES FOR Hmong FARMERS



The Hmong community in Washington has deep connections to farming, especially in the Puget Sound and Spokane regions. Hmong farmers in Washington primarily grow vegetables and cut flowers and are known for their gorgeous flower displays at Washington farmers markets. This fact sheet is designed to help Hmong farm businesses find the information and resources to be successful.

## **This fact sheet includes information on:**

- Washington organizations and state agencies for business, farm, and advocacy support.
- National organizations with resources for Hmong farmers.

## **Washington Organizations and State Agencies for Business, Farm, and Advocacy Support**

### **Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises**

[omwbe.wa.gov](http://omwbe.wa.gov)  
360-664-9750  
866-208-1064

### **Pike Place Market Farm Program**

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206-605-8424

### **Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs**

[capaa.wa.gov](http://capaa.wa.gov)  
360-725-5667

### **Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA)**

[agr.wa.gov](http://agr.wa.gov)  
Please email [smallfarms@agr.wa.gov](mailto:smallfarms@agr.wa.gov)  
206-256-6157

### **Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I)**

[lni.wa.gov](http://lni.wa.gov)  
360-902-5800

### **Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL)**

[dol.wa.gov](http://dol.wa.gov)  
360-705-6744

### **Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR)**

[dor.wa.gov](http://dor.wa.gov)  
800-647-7706

### **Washington State Employment Security Department (ESD)**

[esd.wa.gov](http://esd.wa.gov)  
888-836-1900

## **National Organizations with Resources for Hmong Farmers**

### **ATTRA — National Agriculture Information Center**

[attra.ncat.org](http://attra.ncat.org)  
ATTRA has some videos and illustrated guides for Hmong farmers and some publications have been translated into Hmong. Search for "Hmong" to find them.

### **Farmers' Legal Action Group (FLAG)**

[flaginc.org](http://flaginc.org)  
FLAG is a nonprofit law center dedicated to providing legal services and support to family farmers and their communities in order to help keep family farmers on the land. They have some publications and videos specifically for Hmong farmers found by searching the website for "resources for Hmong farmers."

## GETTING CONNECTED

### Hmong American Farmers Association

[hmongfarmers.com](http://hmongfarmers.com)

Based in St. Paul, Minn., the Hmong American Farmers Association offers five integrated programs in land access, new markets, trainings and capacity building, financing, and research and data collection.

### Hmong Association of Washington

[hmongofwa.org](http://hmongofwa.org)

While not directly related to farming, the Hmong Association of Washington is an important nonprofit in the Puget Sound that works to preserve and promote the Hmong culture, advocate for the Hmong people, and to promote education in the Hmong community.

### Hmong National Development

[hndinc.org](http://hndinc.org)

Based in Washington D.C., Hmong National Development is a national policy advocacy organization for the Hmong American community. In addition to holding an annual conference, they provide capacity building and technical assistance tools to Hmong nonprofit organizations, advocate for policy impacting the Hmong community, and offer youth internship programs.

### National Hmong American Farmers Inc.

559-313-3339

#### On facebook

Located in Fresno, Calif., National Hmong American Farmers provides a range of services, including an annual conference and a Hmong radio program. Its mission is to build economic self-sufficiency for Hmong American and other immigrant and ethnically underrepresented farmers.

### USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

[nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/ca](http://nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/ca)

*Search for "Translated Hmong" to publications*

The NRCS in California has free PDFs of agricultural information translated into Hmong, including overviews of NRCS programs for farmers, irrigation, the EQIP program, high tunnels, and opportunities for specialty crop growers.



1. Resources for Small Farms in Washington
2. Resources for Veteran Farmers